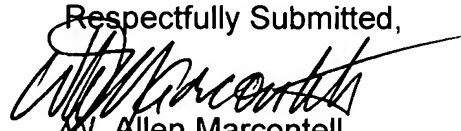


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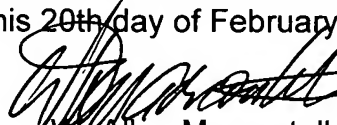
In view of the prior art and arguments advanced in the parent application prosecution, Applicant respectfully submits the foregoing claims as clearly patentable over the prior art.

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